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BIRTHS.

On the 16th July, 1900, at Weihaiwei, the wife

of EVAN MATTHEWS, of Tongshan, of a son (stillborn).

On the 20th August, 1900, at Shanghai, the

wife of A. LAIRD, of Hankow, of a son.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, August 29th, 1900

THOUGH it is now over a fortnight since the Relief Force entered Peking, we are still waiting for particulars of the exact state of affairs at the Legation when the Allies arrived and for the list of casualties—from which may be deduced the names of the survivors. A certain amount of rather unnecessary alarm has been caused by lack of news, and the authorities up north have come in for a good deal of censure for their supposed responsibility in the matter. It is indeed hardly to be denied that they have manifested a reticence which we are not now in a position to understand. The Chefoo-Taku cable should now be in full working order, though we learn from the latest Shanghai papers to hand that some delay was experienced in landing the shore end of the cable at Taku, owing to the depth of the mud. Even when the line was completed the number of Government messages going through was bound to monopolise it for a considerable time. As far as we can tell, there is no foundation for the suggestion that a large Chinese force has once more interposed itself between Peking and Tientsin. In this event it is hardly possible that no rumours to that effect would have come down from Tientsin, or that the Chinese would have no information on the subject. We have once more, as so often already in the present Chinese crisis, a fine opportunity for the display of patience. We must hope that when ultimately details are permitted to be sent out they will be both satisfactory and full. It is easy enough to comprehend that it should be thought better to hold back all news connected with the action of the allied troops after they reached Peking; but there is much of a purely personal character which cannot do any harm by being revealed, though we are still left in absolute ignorance.

There were no fresh cases or deaths from plague during the 24 hours ending at noon yesterday.

On Monday morning an old woman employed in the making of the new road going through Lai-chikok was killed by a quantity of earth falling on her.

As a coolie named Tam Hung was leaving the Tai Koo Sugar Refinery on Monday, the Indian watchman searched him, and found that he was walking about with five pounds of sugar under his arm. He was arrested and yesterday sentenced to two months' hard labour.

Apart from the nine cases of plague during the week ended 25th August (six of which were in the City of Victoria) there were only two cases of infectious disease reported in the Colony, one of enteric fever outside the City and one of puerperal fever inside. Neither ended fatally.

Hearing disturbance in a brothel on Monday night P. C. Devaney went in to see what was the matter. He was at once set upon by the crowd in the house and pushed into the street and stoned, one man going so far as to strike him in the eye. The man was arrested and yesterday was fined \$150, or three months.

The Annual Aquatic Sports of the Victoria Recreation Club have been arranged to take place at the Club's new premises, Kowloon, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 20th, 21st and 22nd September. On the last day the contests will take place in costume, and the committee invite the attendance of the ladies of the colony.

The Spanish military attaché to the British army in South Africa says:—"The chief lesson learned from observation of British tactics has been derived from study of their splendid transport system, which compelled more admiration even than did their strategy or valour. Bloemfontein was a miserable location for a hospital. The air is unhealthy and the water polluted, while other local conditions render an epidemic of fever inevitable. When I passed through there on June 25 enteric patients were dying at the rate of thirty and forty a day, and the hospitals were caring for 5,000 sick."

Inspector Robertson, having reason to believe that many of the sampan owners in the neighbourhood of Shaukiwan had no licenses, made a raid upon them on Monday night and captured 19 offenders. Each of them appeared at the Magistracy yesterday and was fined \$3. The raid had a most salutary effect, as the Inspectors' quarters yesterday morning were crowded with sampan-owners clamouring for licenses.

Mrs. Maria Monterio, of No. 14, Elgin Street, on Monday called up two boys who were selling sweets and bought some sweets from them. When leaving one of them got hold of an umbrella belonging to her and took to his heels. Both, however, were brought before Mr. Hazland yesterday and sentenced each to two months' hard labour (the last 14 days in solitary confinement) and 14 strokes with the birch rod.

At the Harbour Office yesterday, before the Hon. Basil Taylor, R.N., an enquiry into the circumstances leading to the collision between the launch *Atalanta*, Chung Lo, master, and the launch *Tow*, Wong Tai, master, was held. Chung Lo, master of the *Atalanta*, said that on Friday, about 6.15 p.m., he was leaving a steamer lying at A. H. Bay to go to Wan-chai. After leaving the steamer he steered to pass the *Tow* on the starboard side. The *Tow* came in the opposite direction, passing down the port side of the *Tow*, and, starboarding her helm, passed close under the stern of the *Tow* and crossed his bows. The *Tow* was about 200 yds away when he first saw her. He ported his helm and blew his whistle. The *Tow* also ported, which would have taken her clear under his stern. Then she starboarded again and struck him abreast the engines with her bows nearly bows on. Wong Tai, master of the *Tow*, corroborates, but states he starboarded his helm because there was no room for him to port. A. H. steamer being in the way. He whistled twice to show which way he was putting his helm. Decision.—Wong Tai, certificate No. 103, suspended for three months.The *Shanghai Mercury* says:—"We understand that Lady Blake is about to publish her impressions during her recent three months' tour through China. Her party being among the last visitors to Peking, Shantung, etc., her diary cannot fail to be of interest. If enriched by any of her sketches the book will be of exceptional value. Lady Blake being an artist of great power with an exceptional gift for colouring." With reference to this, we are in a position to state that it is true that Lady Blake has sent home, to a friend, certain impressions of a three months' tour in China and Japan; but it is not certain whether they are to be published or not.

Dr. W. Kukarenko, who went to the Transvaal in charge of the Russian Red Cross hospital, has returned to Russia. He went out full of sympathy for the Boers, but his published experiences show that his opinion of the burghers has been totally altered. He says the Boers are lazy, dirty, and ungrateful. They frequently refused to share their ample food supplies with their foreign auxiliaries, saying when remonstrated with that they supposed the foreigners were paid by their Government for fighting, and must look out for themselves.

Most of the foreigners among the Boers consisted, according to Dr. Kukarenko, of the scum of Southern Europe, and could be best described as "good for nothing." Many of them, he ascertained, were fugitives from justice.

The Tientsin correspondent of the *N.C. Daily News* tells an amusing tale of a missionary. Seeing a squadron of Cossacks passing on their way to the front, the good man was moved to call out "The Lord give power to your arms!" The Russians did not of course understand, but they felt it was something friendly and grinned appreciatively as they trotted past. Shortly after, our friend met a large company of French infantry marching in the same direction, presumably also for the front, and desiring to show no partiality he shouted out the same invocation with a somewhat like result. Imagine the feelings of the earnest man when an hour or so afterwards he encountered the same party of Frenchmen returning from a forage expedition and halting along a mixed herd of reluctant oxen and loudly protesting pigs!

An extraordinary case came before Mr. Hazland yesterday. A woman evidently not altogether in her right mind charged a man residing at 84, Second Street, with cutting and wounding. She had been very badly cut about the head, and on presenting herself at No. 7 Police Station on Monday night she was bleeding so profusely that she was sent to the Hospital. Shortly afterwards the man himself appeared at the Police Station. He explained that he and the woman had had a quarrel about some rent but that he had not assaulted her. On the police going to the house they could find no corroboration of the woman's story, the opinion of the neighbours being that the woman had inflicted the wounds herself. Mr. Hazland did not consider there was evidence enough to convict the man and dismissed the case.

The Siam Electricity Co. has issued a circular letter to its customers, announcing that from the 1st October next it will be prepared to supply electric power in Bangkok by day and night.

Several well-known British residents in Bangkok are being summoned for failing to register themselves at the British Consulate. Two lawyers, the *Bangkok Times* believes, are among the number.

Heavy floods are reported in Northern Siam in the middle of the present month. Among other damage the bridge over the Mekong river at Lakawn Lampang was carried away, and the telegraph line was much injured.

Another prisoner succeeded in escaping from the prisoner's detention room at the Magistracy yesterday. He and another man—both boatmen—had been fined \$100, or two months, for being found in illegal possession of a quantity of coal.

It is reported in a *Chemulpo* despatch to the *Asahi* that Russia, Germany and France are busy buying up oxen and cows at various ports in Korea. The Korean Government fears that this may lead to a rise in the price of cattle and horses, and the cultivation of land may thereby be rendered difficult. It proposes, therefore, to prohibit the exportation of cattle from Korea, but it is doubtful whether it will be able to carry the proposal into practice.

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Mr. Sharp then addressed the court on behalf of Captain Raymond. He said that about the first of December last year Captain Raymond was introduced to Lichauco by Lichauco's brother with a view to his taking two launches to Manila. The outcome of this introduction was that a verbal arrangement was come to between Lichauco and the Captain, the latter being ordered to prepare the *Patrie* for sea, he himself to go on board to take charge. On the 29th December Lichauco told him to engage a crew, and he did so. Stores were also put on board. Subsequently the launch was inspected by the parties and a written agreement signed, Mrs. Lichauco's name being put in. Raymond put on board \$210 worth of coal and the crew were put on board and paid half wages, \$135 being given to them and \$57 expended in their food; \$300 was advanced to Raymond for expenses and also to pay off some debts of his. About the 5th or 6th of January the Captain went up to the American Consulate for a clearance paper, but one was refused him. Lichauco also went and was unsuccessful. The Captain was willing to take the launches now and would go to-day if he had the papers. He would have made about \$1,100 out of the transaction, and would have completed the job by the end of January. By waiting for these two launches he lost a job of taking a launch to Manila which would have put \$700 in his pocket.

Captain Raymond then gave evidence in corroboration of his counsel's statement.

Leung Tai Shun, who described himself as a "broker to get sailors," said he remembered Captain Raymond coming to him on the 25th December last and ordering him to get some men on board the launch by the 27th. The crew remained on board from the 27th December to the 27th January. During that time he paid the crew \$135 as wages and paid \$57 for their food. Captain Raymond paid him this money. He was present with Captain Raymond and others at an inspection of the *Patrie* on the 4th January. There were present Captain Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. Lichauco, Marti, and himself. When he reached the *Patrie* he found the crew still on the launch and stores were on board and the launch was ready to proceed. He heard the captain say they would go soon, and Lichauco and the ship would go soon—in two or three days.

Mr. Sharp again addressed the court at some length on behalf of Captain Raymond. He pointed out that the agreement of the 4th of January was merely a repetition of a verbal agreement previously come to between Lichauco and Raymond, on the strength of which Captain Raymond purchased stores, etc., employed a crew, and incurred other expenses before the agreement was signed. The Captain's claim for \$500 included \$266 as payment for his own services.

Mr. Shad also addressed the court again.

The Acting Justice of the Peace reserved his decision.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders in the above company was held at noon yesterday in the Hotel. Mr. R. C. Wilcox presided and there were also present Messrs. E. Osborne, W. Parfitt (directors), G. M. Bain, V. H. Dencon J. E. Gomez, Erich Georg, A. A. Gattier, W. Hutton Potts, F. Henderson, J. H. Cox, Harry Humphreys, R. Hutton Potts, W. A. Cruickshank, C. N. Young, N. G. Evans, T. F. Hough, A. C. Van Nierop, A. G. Skelton, A. G. Morris, C. J. Goncalves, G. C. Moxon, S. Rustonjee, G. T. Veitch, J. C. Peter, Dr. D. E. Peterson, R. S. Philpott, Ho Fook, Ho Kom Fung, Ho Cheung Shiu, Ho U Shang, Wong Ki Sam, Chua Chan Nam, Saug Kee, Leung King Shun, How Chuk Lin, Leung Pui Chi, and C. Macney (Secretary).

The SECRETARY having read the notice convening the meeting:

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen.—With your permission, I propose to take the report and accounts, which have been in your hands upwards of a week, as read. The business of the Hotel during the past six months compares favourably with that of previous years, though it shows only a small advance on that for the same period of 1890. That, however, was our record, and it is very satisfactory that we have now beaten it, though by a merely trifling sum. We had hoped for a much better result, but the last two months showed a rather unexpected falling off, due no doubt to the tendency of the tides of travellers this year. Be that as it may, we have the pleasure of laying before you what we have to consider a gratifying statement, and it is with much satisfaction your Directors are able to recommend an eight per cent. dividend. This is the highest interim dividend we have yet paid, and we should not feel justified in proposing it were not the prospects of the current half-year such as to warrant the belief that we shall be able to recommend an equal amount for the final dividend, making a return for the year of sixteen per cent. on the paid up capital. The Chairman at the last half-yearly meeting, on the 27th March, gave you an informal assurance that if business continued as it was then, we should be able to fully maintain this dividend, and I feel pretty safe in repeating this assurance. It do not think we could safely promise to pay more. It is true that we have made a large sum of money, and that we have a small Reserve Fund; but we feel bound, as a measure of common prudence, to go on building up this fund, which will now stand at \$50,000. We must also provide liberally for depreciation, for wear and tear increases *plus* with the increase in visitors, and, I am sorry to add, the cost of replacing almost every article will be greater. The South African War has caused a rise in the prices of all goods imported from Great Britain, and recent changes in the Philippines, while largely augmenting the passenger traffic, have seriously enhanced the local cost of labour and of various articles of food, still further aggravated lately by the hostilities in North China. Last half-year nothing was set aside against repairs and renewals, and we have therefore felt compelled to this half to devote the sum of \$10,000 to that purpose. I must ask you to remember, too, that the current half has always been regarded as the lean half of the year. Fortunately for us there is now no such striking difference as in the receipts for the two half-years as formerly obtained. But we cannot, in the ordinary course, expect to do better than we did last year, and on that occasion a large sum had been carried forward, which materially swelled the amount available for appropriation. Mention is made in the Report of the fact that while the business of the Company continues to progress, there are some directions in which much further expansion will be impossible in the existing Hotel premises. I allude to the bars, billiard and dining rooms. These unfortunately are inelastic, which is the more to be regretted, since they are our best paying departments. Whether or not something can be done to meet the requirements by utilising the small strip of land on the Reclamation is a matter for our early and anxious consideration, but at the present time, as far as the dining room is concerned, has become urgent. Since the foregoing statement was prepared, the Board have received the following letter, signed by thirty-five shareholders, having an aggregate holding of nearly 7,000 shares:

Hongkong, 17th August.
The Board of Directors, Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.

Dear Sirs.—We understand that it is your intention to declare an Interim Dividend of \$4 at the meeting of the shareholders convened for the 23rd inst. Taking into consideration the appreciation in the value of land conjointly with that of building materials, we do not deem it necessary for the Company to set aside large sums of money for reserve or depreciation, and therefore request that you will see your way to increase the dividend to go on board to take charge. On the 29th December Lichauco told him to engage a crew, and he did so. Stores were also put on board. Subsequently the launch was inspected by the parties and a written agreement signed, Mrs. Lichauco's name being put in. Raymond put on board \$210 worth of coal and the crew were put on board and paid half wages, \$135 being given to them and \$57 expended in their food; \$300 was advanced to Raymond for expenses and also to pay off some debts of his. About the 5th or 6th of January the Captain went up to the American Consulate for a clearance paper, but one was refused him. Lichauco also went and was unsuccessful. The Captain was willing to take the launches now and would go to-day if he had the papers. He would have made about \$1,100 out of the transaction, and would have completed the job by the end of January. By waiting for these two launches he lost a job of taking a launch to Manila which would have put \$700 in his pocket.

Captain Raymond then gave evidence in corroboration of his counsel's statement.

Leung Tai Shun, who described himself as a "broker to get sailors," said he remembered Captain Raymond coming to him on the 25th December last and ordering him to get some men on board the launch by the 27th. The crew remained on board from the 27th December to the 27th January. During that time he paid the crew \$135 as wages and paid \$57 for their food. Captain Raymond paid him this money. He was present with Captain Raymond and others at an inspection of the *Patrie* on the 4th January. There were present Captain Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. Lichauco, Marti, and himself. When he reached the *Patrie* he found the crew still on the launch and stores were on board and the launch was ready to proceed. He heard the captain say they would go soon, and Lichauco and the ship would go soon—in two or three days.

Mr. Sharp again addressed the court at some length on behalf of Captain Raymond. He pointed out that the agreement of the 4th of January was merely a repetition of a verbal agreement previously come to between Lichauco and Raymond, on the strength of which Captain Raymond purchased stores, etc., employed a crew, and incurred other expenses before the agreement was signed. The Captain's claim for \$500 included \$266 as payment for his own services.

Mr. Shad also addressed the court again.

The Acting Justice of the Peace reserved his decision.

and renewals of reserve fund. Seeing that \$15,000 was transferred as per last report, if we now set aside \$10,000 ample provision will be made under this heading. Now, gentlemen, \$10,000 furniture, \$3,000 repairs, \$5,000 reserve less amount recommended in the report give us an additional \$18,000 or \$1.50 per share more for dividend which might be distributed as dividend during the past three years and how much will have been written off to partially meet that expenditure during the same period, provided the suggested putting aside of \$20,000 for the half-year of 30th June last be agreed to. I will read to you the figures—

To pay a dividend of \$5.50 per share
To write off from value of Furniture and Fixtures
To set aside for repairs and renewals
To addition to reserve fund
To carry forward to new account

\$84,794.71

Mr. CRUCKSHANK—I have much pleasure in endorsing the remarks Mr. Veitch has let fall. I notice that the directors say in their report that "the wear and tear, consequent on the increase in the company's business, renders it necessary to make ample provision for depreciation in the furniture and fixtures, which, moreover, owing to the general rise in prices for manufactured goods, can only be replaced at a higher figure." It appears to me that we have spent during the last two years \$90,000, or roughly \$100,000 in new stock, and I consider we should be justified in putting the depreciation against the depreciation, and this depreciation being put against the appreciation would bring the thing up very much on the same level. The sum of \$20,000 seems to me to be excessive.

Mr. MORRIS—Mr. Chairman, I support the proposition of Mr. Veitch. I should like to ask what you have done with the reclaimed ground. I understand that it has been sold at \$20 a foot. You made some reference to it in your speech.

The CHAIRMAN—The reclamation in front of the Hotel has not been disposed of. You are alluding to a smaller piece, the corner lot on Chater Road. That has been disposed of, but it is a mere trifles of some 650 feet.

Mr. MORRIS—it is a mere trifles of \$12,000.

If we look upon these things as trifles we may say that in asking for an increase in the dividend we are but asking for a trifles.

The CHAIRMAN—That amount belongs to capital. This transaction relates to the current half-year. There being no further questions I propose the adoption of the report.

Mr. MORRIS—Don't you think that the proposition by Mr. Veitch should be put?

The CHAIRMAN—It has not been put as a proposition.

Mr. MORRIS—Mr. Veitch has put it as an amendment.

Mr. VEITCH—No, I had not, but I will put it as an amendment. I thought perhaps the Chairman would have said something about my remarks—

The CHAIRMAN—The report must be proposed first, Mr. Veitch.

Mr. VEITCH—Oh! thank you.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed, and Mr. MURRAY BAIN seconded, the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. VEITCH then proposed the following as an amendment:—"To amend the report in the apportionment of credit balance as follows:—

To pay a dividend of 10 per cent. for the half-year, absorbing \$60,000.00.

To write off from value of Furniture and Fixtures
To set aside against Repairs and Renewals
To transfer to Reserve Fund

10,000.00
13,000.00
13,000.00

To carry forward to New Account \$94,794.71

Mr. CRUCKSHANK—I have pleasure in seconding that amendment.

Mr. OSBORN said—It is customary at Shareholders' Meetings for the Directors of a Company to voice their opinions through the Chairman of the Board, but the question before the meeting is, I think, of sufficient importance to justify a departure from this rule. Speaking for myself I desire to place on record that I am entirely averse to the proposed increase of dividend, and I think it should be untrue to my trust that the majority of the shareholders will be satisfied with the amount of the profits which have been made.

Mr. VEITCH—The past half-year's working, resulting in a balance of \$84,794.71 for present appropriation, is a matter for congratulation, and shows the steady progress the company is making. When I come to consider the manner in which the directors propose making the appropriation I must confess to a feeling of disappointment. For the half-year ending 31st December, 1890, with somewhat smaller profits, shareholders received a 10 per cent. dividend. I am entirely averse to the proposed increase of dividend, and I think it should be untrue to my trust that the majority of the profits which have been made will be satisfied with the amount of the profits which have been made.

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No. 6, CAMERON VILLAS, MOUNT KELLET, The Peak.
Apply to—

Lt.-Col. WHEELER,
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Hongkong, 29th August, 1900. [2305]

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A REGULAR MEETING of the ZETLAND LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL on SATURDAY, the 1st September, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. probably. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 29th August, 1900. [2303]

THE EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MARSEILLES, HAVRE AND COPENHAGEN WITH OPTION VIA BANGKOK.

THE Company's Steamship

"ANNAM" will be ready to load as above on SATURDAY, the 1st September.

For Freight or Passage apply to MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 29th August, 1900. [2304]

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Captain Palford will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 2nd October.

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Hongkong, 29th August, 1900. [2305]

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FIXTURES REQUIRED with Local Teams for coming Season.

Address—

E. WISDOM,
Hon. Secretary,
H. M. S. Turner.
Hongkong, 28th August, 1900. [2297]

SHOOTING SEASON, 1900.

JEFFERY & Co.'s 12 BORE GUNS in Case, with Implements Complete, from \$100.

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WATER FLASKS and every kind of SPORTING REQUISITE.

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Hongkong, 21st August, 1900. [2123]

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Hongkong, 27th July, 1897. [1877]

COLD STORAGE.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED is now prepared to receive perishable provisions for Cold Storage at EAST POINT at Moderate Rates.

W. PARLANE,
Manager.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1893. [189]

GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

GOVERNMENT OF LABUAN.

REVENUE FARMS FOR 1901.

TENDERS will be received by the Government Secretary, Sandakan, on or before the 15th NOVEMBER, 1900, for the following REVENUE FARMS for 1901, or for periods of 2 or 3 years.

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PAWBROKING FARMS,
CUSTOM FARMS (North Borneo only),
GAMBLING RESTRICTION FARMS (North Borneo only).

For particulars apply to—
MESSRS. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.
Hongkong, 11th July, 1900. [1933]

SANITARY BOARD.

OWNERS of HOUSES situated in the Eastern Division of the City of Victoria and in the Eastern Division of Kowloon who have not had their premises LIMEWASHED and CLEANSED in accordance with Law, are reminded that the period during which the work should be finished ends on the 31st day of AUGUST, 1900, and the Sanitary Board being convinced of cleanliness in its efforts to stamp out plague, is determined to vigorously prosecute any owner in default after the above named date.

The Eastern Division of the City lies to the East of Garden Road. The Eastern Division of Kowloon is that part of the Kowloon Peninsula to the East of Robinson Road, and includes Hung Hom and part of Tsing Sha Tsui.

By Order.

G. A. WOODCOCK,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1900. [2212]

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Care of Office of this Paper.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1900. [2120]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

To be Sold by Public Auction, the 30th day of August, 1900, at 3 P.M., at his Sale Room.

The following Valuable Property, situated in rear of "Bendix" Robinson Road, Victoria, Hongkong, and intended to be registered in the Land Office as sections B, C and D of Island Lot No. 712.

The above will be offered in three Lots. Lot No. 1 containing 4,981 square feet, Lot No. 2, 3,040 square feet, Lot No. 3, 3,421 square feet, more or less, and are suitable for building purposes.

Terms of sale and full particulars can be had on application to—

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer,
or to

DENNYS & BAWLEY,
Solicitors for the Vendor.
Hongkong, 22nd August, 1900. [2248]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 430.
THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on TUESDAY, the 4th day of SEPTEMBER, 1900, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command.

F. H. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office.
Hongkong, 23rd August, 1900. [2296]

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on TUESDAY, the 4th day of SEPTEMBER, 1900, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land at Ma-Tau-Kok, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of Her Majesty the QUEEN, for one further term of 75 years.

By Command.

F. H. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office.
Hongkong, 18th August, 1900. [2280]

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 3rd day of SEPTEMBER, 1900, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of Her Majesty the QUEEN, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.			Contents in Square ft.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
			N.	S.	E.			
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		
1	1,014	Market Street and Upper Iolan I Street, Taiping-shan	315	315	45	45	1,474,225	35,433

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 431.
THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on MONDAY, the 3rd day of SEPTEMBER, 1900, at 3.15 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command.

F. H. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office.
Hongkong, 18th August, 1900. [2281]

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 3rd day of SEPTEMBER, 1900, at 3.15 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of Her Majesty the QUEEN, for one further term of 75 years.

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No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.			Contents in Square ft.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
			N.	S.	E.			
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		
1	1,015	Market Hill Gap	212	212	5	5	1,040	371

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 432.
THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on MONDAY, the 3rd day of SEPTEMBER, 1900, at 3.30 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command.

F. H. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office.
Hongkong, 18th August, 1900. [2282]

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 3rd day of SEPTEMBER, 1900, at 3.30 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of Three Lots of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of Her Majesty the QUEEN, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.			Contents in Square ft.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
			N.	S.	E.			
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		
1	1,045	Inland	150	15	107	201.0	20,500	1,075
2	1,046	Above	150	15	219	197	20,960	1,075
3	1,047	Above	55	147	170.2	61.4	17,625	1,065

AUCTION

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 442.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on TUESDAY, the 4th day of SEPTEMBER, 1900, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

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F. H. MAY,
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Hongkong, 23rd August, 1900. [2296]

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by

HONGKONG
BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

AUCTIONEERS, &c.

PAUL BREWITT,
2, Zetland Street, Auctioneer, Appraiser
and Commission Agent.

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Auctioneers to the Government, and Share
and General Brokers, corner Ice House
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The metal waste of machine shops is utilised by E. Appert, of Jemep, Belgium, by cleansing from impurities, and then pressing into moulds and raising to the welding temperature by a powerful electric current. When hot, the metal is compressed by means of a die. The roughly-shaped product can be finished in the usual way, and if the filings of different metals are used, very decorative effects are produced. A similar plan has been proposed for using the waste mixture of glass powder and abrasives that collects in English glass-grinding works. The glass binds the particles of sand, etc., together when semi-fused at bright red heat, and a hard, tough block is formed. Greater attractiveness may be given by adding powdered vitreous enamels or metal filings.

Prompt cures in certain forms of disease are reported by Dr. D. A. Kessler from the use of an incandescent lamp of 16 to 100 candle-power. The lamp is provided with a parabolic reflector of proper focus, and connected to a battery or to a street current supply. The treatment is applied in one or two sittings daily, according to the severity of the pain. The light and heat rays combined very quickly relieve pain, cause hemorrhagic effusions ("black and blue" marks) to be rapidly absorbed, reduce the time of treatment of eczema, and have no equal in cases of acute rheumatism. The appearance of perspiration is a signal to close the sitting. Care is taken to avoid exposure to cold of the treated part.

Coral chalk has been brought to the consideration of the Sydney Water Board as a filtering material through the conclusions of Prof. Bostock Hill. This expert has found coal to be superior to coke or ballast in purifying sewage, as it has at once a chemical action, and its purifying power is marked from the first day of use, although still better results follow after two or three months.

Acetylene is readily decomposed into its elements, carbon and hydrogen, and the finely-divided and absolutely pure carbon liberated is superior to the best lampblack. A French engineer, M. Habou, therefore suggests the use of the unsatisfactory quality of calcium carbide, that is always a waste product of carbide factories, for acetylene black. The manufacture consists in forcing the acetylene from this low-grade carbide into an explosion vessel filled with hydrogen, until a pressure of about 75 pounds is obtained, and then exploding the mixture by raising a platinum wire within the vessel to a white heat. The pressure reached during the explosion is prevented by the dilation with hydrogen, from exceeding 270 pounds per square inch. Each cubic foot of acetylene yields one ounce of acetylene black and one cubic foot of pure hydrogen, and the latter may find ready sale.

Ice is sometimes formed in India, when the air is at 15 deg. or 20 deg. above freezing, by exposing water at night in earthenware pans resting on rice straw in little hollows in the ground. An ice industry depending on the same principle has been discovered by O. H. Howarth at an elevation of 8,000 or 9,000 feet in a valley of Oaxaca, Mexico. A large number of shallow wooden troughs are filled with water, and during winter nights become covered with a thin sheet—never exceeding an eighth of an inch in thickness—of ice, which is collected and buried in considerable masses in the earth. In these pits the ice consolidates, being then cut when needed and carried to the town on mules.

Among some remarkable lunar photographs made by Messrs. Loewy and Pusey of the University of Paris is a stereoscopic image of the whole hemisphere of the moon, the direction of light giving relief and showing very strikingly the details of craters and mountainous regions. The picture was obtained by taking a plate of the moon at ten days and another at twenty days, enlarging these to sixty times, and carefully placing side by side.

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Exploration of the depths of the Black Sea during the last ten years has brought to light a unique condition. Sir John Murray states that the greatest depth found is 1,260 fathoms, and that a fresh-water surface current flows outward, through the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles into the Mediterranean, while a salt undercurrent is steadily flowing inward. The density of the salt water of this undercurrent prevents vertical circulation. The greater depths are consequently quite stagnant, and they are so impregnated with sulphuric hydrogen that no life is possible beyond 100 fathoms.

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An eruption of the New Zealand volcano of Te Mari, Dr. B. Friedlander reports having witnessed at least four different light phenomena, viz.: the reflection of incandescent matter upon dark clouds, a large number of red-hot boulders, which were shot high up and fell down in parabolic curves; lightning, due to electricity produced by friction; and blue and probably reddish flames. The eruption began with an explosion, masses of ash-laden steam being ejected. The electricity resulted from friction of the coarse ashes in the steam, and it is suggested that the blue flames were due to the burning of vaporised sulphur.

The probable existence of diamonds in Russia, on the western slopes of the Ural Mountains, was suggested by Humboldt. The first stone was found in 1829, and between 1830 and 1835 nearly fifty were discovered, ranging in size from one-fourth to three-fourths of a carat. Small diamonds have been found occasionally since, although no thorough search has been made.

Cutting or obstructing vegetation on the Upper Nile has had the astonishing effect of destroying enormous numbers of fish. This has been due to the liberation of stagnant water, which has suffocated through its lack of air.

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Captain C. D. Bennett, R.N.E., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for Bombay on SATURDAY, the 1st September, 1900, at NOON, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay with transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further particulars, apply to A. M. MARSHALL, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 26th August, 1900. [1]

THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA, LIMITED.

FOR SIVATOW, AMOY, AND TAMSUI.
THE Company's Steamship

"MAIDZURU MARU."
Captain T. Ogata, will be despatched for the above ports on SUNDAY, the 2nd September, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, Agents.

Hongkong, 27th August, 1900. [15]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, CEBU AND ILOILO.
THE Company's Steamship

"KAIFONG."
Captain Penefather, will be despatched on SUNDAY, the 2nd September, at DAYLIGHT.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engine-room.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 28th August, 1900. [236]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON (via SUEZ CANAL).
THE Company's Steamship

"PROMETHEUS."
Captain Day, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 4th September.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 27th July, 1900. [208]

THE OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAIWANFOO.
THE Company's Steamship

"ANPING MARU."
Captain S. Atsumi, will be despatched for the above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 5th Sept., at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd August, 1900. [143]

NORDDEUTSCHE LLOYD

REGULAR SERVICE
FOR GERMAN COLONIAL AND
AUSTRALIAN PORTS.
Calling at SAIPAN, PONAPE, FRIEDRICH-
WILHELMSHAFEN, FINSCHHAFEN, HER-
DEBE-HÖHE, TOWNVILLE, ROCKHAMPTON,
Brisbane and SYDNEY.

On WEDNESDAY,
the 5th September, 1900, at NOON,
THE Steamship

"MÜNCHEN,"
(4,536 Reg. Tonnage),
Captain Krebs, with Mails, Passengers, Specie and Caisse, will leave this Port as above.

The steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 19th July, 1900. [2018]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling at Port DAWSON and QUEENSLAND
PORTS, and taking through Cargos to ADE-
LAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)
THE Steamship

"AIRLIE."
Captain St. John George, will be despatched for the above ports on THURSDAY, the 6th prox., at 4 P.M.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from Australia are available for return by the steamers of the China Navigation Company and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1900. [2235]

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

OCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED
STATES,
MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH
AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE
OVERLAND RAILWAYS AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The *Solazie*, with the French Mail of the 27th July, left Saigon on Sunday, the 26th inst., at 6 a.m., and may be expected here to-day. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 23rd June.

The *America Maru*, with the American Mail of the 1st inst., left Yokohama on Thursday, the 23rd inst., at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 31st inst.

The *Clyde*, with the English Mail of the 3rd August, left Singapore on Monday, the 27th instant, at 1 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 1st proximo. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 2nd July.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.

FOR	PER	DAY AND HOUR
Shanghai, Moji, Kobo, Yokohama, & Portland, Or	Braemer	Wednesday, 29th, 10.00 A.M.
Manila	Loongyang	Wednesday, 29th, 10.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA AND VANCOUVER	Empress of India	Registration, 10.00 A.M. (Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)
Touron and Quinhorn	Heungshan	Wednesday, 29th, 0.15 P.M.
Pakhoi and Huipong	Euang	Wednesday, 29th, 2.00 P.M.
Durban, East London, Port Elizabeth, and Cape Town	Hangchow	Wednesday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.
Hongkong	Progress	Wednesday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila	Crown of Aragon	Wednesday, 29th, 5.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Chelydra	Thursday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.
Europe, &c., India via Tuticorin	Cheswan	Registration, 10.00 A.M. (Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)
Europe, &c., India via Tuticorin	Prinz Heinrich	Registration, 10.00 A.M. (Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)
AMOV, SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO	America Maru	Letters, 11.00 A.M. (Registration, 4.00 P.M. (Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 4.45 P.M.) Letters, 4.00 P.M.

TO-MORROW.
Sale, Property, Sales Rooms, Mr. Geo. P. Lammet, 3 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

TUESDAY, 28th August.

PASSED THE CANAL	
ON LONDON.	—Outward. —3rd July.— <i>Raffra, Meurice, Larrington</i> , 10th July.— <i>Carmarthenshire</i> , 13th July.— <i>Bergenhus</i> , Odessa, Rokaby, 24th July.— <i>Asturie Magel</i> , Radnorshire, Yarrow, 27th June.— <i>Eze</i> , 31st July.— <i>Moren</i> , 3rd August.— <i>Kara, Salutie</i> , Murray Paquebot, Olympia, 7th August.— <i>Kecina, Caucau</i> , Flores, Mersele, 10th August.— <i>Bonwick</i> , Glenluce, Serbia, Sanki Maru, Dresden, Halle, 14th August.— <i>Caudie</i> , Mazagon, Hamberg, Achene, Charles Roger, Modra, Neuteng, Roth, Sartiria, Stensberg, Ettrickdale, 11th August.— <i>Benedictus Adria</i> , Patroclus, Tisius, H. M. Heier, Phoenix, Polymer, 21st August.— <i>Macduff</i> , Derbyshire, Melbourne, Glenlyon, Nord, Adour, America, Bamberg, Konigsberg, 24th August.— <i>Bomby</i> , Caledonia, Idomenes, Alexander III, Cymeline.
ON PARIS.	—Bank Bills, on demand 2.56
Credits, at 4 months' sight 2.61	
ON GERMANY.—	On demand 2.08
ON NEW YORK.	—Bank Bills, on demand 4.92
Credits, 60 days' sight 5.02	
ON BOMBAY.	Telegraphic Transfer 1.52
Bank, on demand 1.52	
ON CALCUTTA.	Telegraphic Transfer 1.52
Bank, on demand 1.52	
ON SHANGHAI.	Bank, at sight 7.12
Private, 30 days' sight 7.24	
ON YOKOHAMA.	On demand 1 p.c. p.m.
ON MANILA.	On demand 2 p.c. p.m.
ON SINGAPORE.	On demand 1 p.c. p.m.
ON BATAVIA.	On demand 1.92
ON HALIFAX.	On demand 31 p.c. p.m.
ON SAIGON.	On demand 3 p.c. p.m.
ON BANGKOK.	On demand 3.60
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate 0.80	
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael 51.50	
BAR SILVER, per oz 2.92	

OPIUM.

Quotations are:— Allowee net, to 1 catty. Malwa New \$860 to \$870 per picul. Malwa Old \$880 to \$890 " " Malwa Old \$890 to \$920 " " P. P. paper-wrapped \$870 " " Persian fine quality \$910 " " Persian extra fine \$950 " " Patna New \$125 to " per chest. Patna Old \$1120 " " Benares New \$132 " " Benares Old \$5 " "

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. steamer *Clyde*, with the next French mail, left Saigon on Sunday, the 26th inst., at 6 a.m. for this port.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Clyde* left Singapore for this port on the 27th instant, at 1 p.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here on the 1st September, at about 8 a.m.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The T. K. K. steamer *America Maru*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 3rd inst., via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobo, Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 11th inst.

The O. & O. steamer *Guelie*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Inland Sea, Kobo, Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 21st inst.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The Imperial German Mail steamer *Prinz Heinrich* left Kobo via Nagasaki, Shanghai and Foochow on the 27th inst., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 5th September.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. R. steamer *Express of Japan* left Vancouver on Monday, the 20th instant, for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

THE N. P. steamer *Glendale*, sailed from Tacoma for Japan and Hongkong on the 9th inst.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

HONGKONG, 28th August.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	ISSUE VALUE.	Paid up.	Last Dividends.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.					
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	\$125	\$125	30/- div. at 1/11/11, = \$15.00 per share for 1st half year 1900	305 p. et. pr. = \$500 ex div.
Bank of China & Japan, Ltd.	100,875	24	24	None	25.50
Do. Deformed	1,250	24	24	2.8 for 1899	22.75 buyers
National Bank of China, Ltd.	10,970 A	210	25	2.8, Natl. 174 = \$1.30 for '90	22.75 buyers
Do. Founders' Shares	750	24	24	2.1	22.00
MANHES INSURANCES.					
Union Ins. Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$250	\$20	30 p. et. = \$18 for 1898	23.50
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	24,000	\$83.33	\$20	10 p. et. for 1898 = \$1.30 for '90	23.75 sellers
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	5,000	\$100	\$25	3 p. et. final = 10 p. et. in all for 1898	21.50 sellers
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., Ltd.	8,000	\$100	\$60	\$10 = 10 p. et. for 1898	21.25 sellers
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$11 for 1898	21.30 sellers
Strata Insurance Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$100	\$20	5 per cent. for 1895	21
FINE INSURANCES.					
Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$250	\$20	2.7 for 1898	20.25 sellers
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$0 for 1898	19.75
SHIPPING.					
Hongkong, Canton and Macao S. B. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$15	\$15	31.20 for half year ended 30/6/100, = 10 p. et. for 1899 = \$1.30 for '90	30.50 sellers
Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd.	60,000	210	210	10 p. et. & 2.5 p. et. bonus for 1899	30.25 buyers
China & Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$50	20 per cent. for 1898	29.50 old sellers
Do. do.	14,000	\$10	\$10	5 per cent. for 1898	28.80 sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$50	\$50	12 per cent. for year ending 30/6/100	28.25
China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd.	20,000	210	210	Final 3 p. et. = 6 p. et. for 1899	27.10 buyers
Do. Ordinary	20,000	210	210	10 p. et. & bonus of 5s. in Ord. account '99	26.80 sellers
Star Ferry Co., Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$1.05 = 12 p. et. for year ended 30/6/100	26.50 buyers
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	18,000	\$100	\$100	Int. of 5 p. cent. on account of 1900	24.00 sellers
REFINERIES.					
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	Int. of \$21 per share on a/c 1900	21.10 ex div. buyers
Luzon Sugar Refug. Co., Ltd.	7,000	\$100	\$100	\$4 for 1897	20.00
MINING.					
Punjon Mining Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$8	\$8	None	20.50 sellers
Do. Preference	30,000	\$1	\$1	None	20.25 buyers
Societe Fran. des Charbonnages du Tonkin	16,000	Fs250	Fs250	None	20.00 buyers
Queens Mines, Limited	400,000	25	25	5 p. et. half year ended 31/7/100 = 10 p. et. for 1899	19.75 sellers
Geoff. Mining and Trading Co., Ltd.	45,000	\$5	\$5	5 p. et. for period ending 31st Oct., 10th div. on 7/7/100	19.50 buyers
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Limited	200,000	\$1	\$1	1st 1/2 of 5cts. 10th div. on 7/7/100	19.25 sellers
Olivers Freshold Mines, Limited	A 15,000	\$5	\$5	None	18.80 sellers
Great Eastern and Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	B 45,000	\$5	\$4	None	18.50 buyers
Do. Preferences	140,000	\$4	\$4	First year	18.00
Humphrys Est. & Fin. Co.	70,000	\$1	\$1	22 per cent. for 1899	18.00 sellers
COTTON MILLS.					
Evo Cotton, Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	17,500	Tls100	Tls100	21 p. et. for period ending 31/10/97, = 3 p. et. on account '98	18.50 buyers
Int. Internat. Cot. Mfg. Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls100	Tls100	3 p. et. on account '98	18.25 buyers
Kowloon Land & B. Co.	6,000	\$30	\$30	Int. \$1.50 on acct. 1900	17.75 buyers
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$30	\$30	10 p. et. for half year ended 31/12/100	17.25 sellers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	5 p. et. for period ending 31/12/100	17.00 sellers
Humphrys Est. & Fin. Co.	55,000	\$10	\$10	5 per cent. for 1899	16.80 sellers
INDUSTRIAL.					
Evo Cotton, Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	17,500	Tls100	Tls100	21 p. et. for period ending 31/10/97, = 3 p. et. on account '98	18.50 buyers
Int. Internat. Cot. Mfg. Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls100	Tls100	3 p. et. on account '98	18.25 buyers
Kowloon Land & B. Co.	6,000	\$30	\$30	Int. \$1.50 on acct. 1900	17.75 buyers
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$30	\$30	10 p. et. for half year ended 31/12/100	17.25 sellers</